

December, 2008

Employer Account Number:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR MARYLAND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACCOUNT
Unemployment Insurance Tax Rates for 2009

As a result of the solvency calculation for the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund as required by the Unemployment Insurance Law, the Division of Unemployment Insurance has determined that **the range of rates for 2009 will be from 0.6% to 9.0%.** The rate for new employers in 2009 will be 2.2%. An exception is that the rate for new construction employers headquartered in another state will be 4.5%. The taxable wage base for 2009 will remain at \$8,500.

The change in tax rates for 2009 is required by law to maintain the solvency of the Maryland Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, which has been depleted because of recent increases in unemployment insurance claims.

You will receive your 2009 Experience Rate Notice by mail in mid January. The notice will provide **your specific** tax rate for calendar year 2009, and a summary of benefit charges and taxable wages used to calculate **your** rate. If, at that time, you determine an error has been made, you will have (15) days from the date of the notice to file a written appeal.

If, for planning purposes, you want to **obtain your tax rate** prior to the mailing of the rate notice, it is available by calling the toll free number: **1-800-492-5524**, and quick dialing directly to the rate by pressing **16** as soon as you hear the recorded voice. You will need to know your 10-digit employer account number as listed above.

Sincerely,

Dennis C. Morton
Director, Contributions Division

